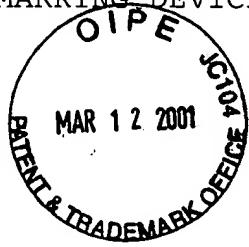


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AMENDMENT

APPLICANT: Smith DOCKET NO.: EVS-P-99-017
SERIAL NO.: 09/510,087 GROUP ART UNIT: 3751
FILED: February 22, 2000 EXAMINER: D. Walczak
TITLE: "A MARKING DEVICE, A METHOD OF USING THE SAME AND AN
ACCESSIONARY KIT FOR THE MARKING DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the entire ABSTRACT with the following:

A marking device, a method of using the same and an accessory kit for a marking device having a sheath that may fit over a barrel of a marking device such as, for example, a pen or a pencil. Further, the marking device may contain an end cap having a connecting lead that may be attached to a surface, such as a surface on or near a computer or an automatic teller machine, for example. In addition, the sheath may contain an antimicrobial agent that may protect users of the sheath from disease-causing bacteria or other like agents.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 8, which may also be identified as the seventh paragraph of the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS with the following paragraph:

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